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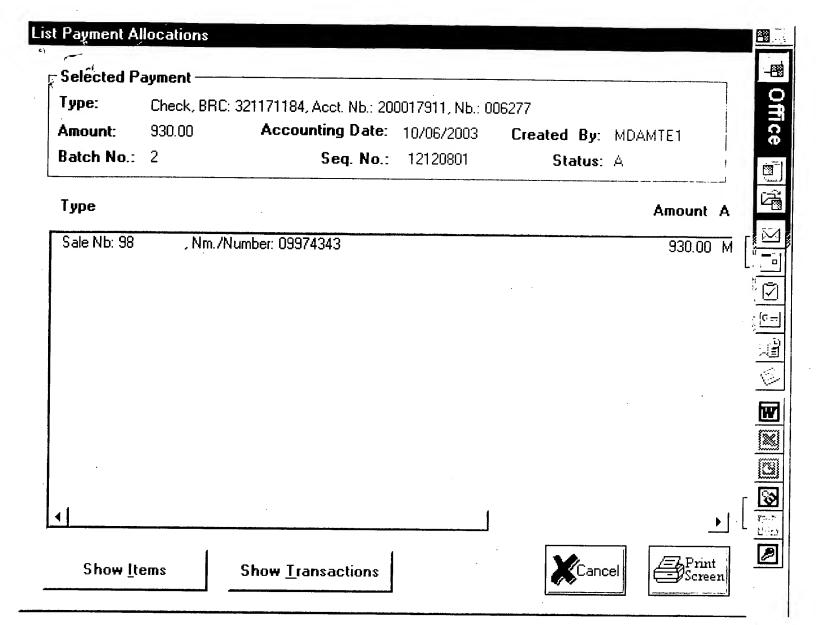
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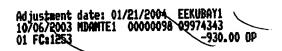
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application of:

Akira Ishikawa, et. al.

Art Unit:

1773

Appl. No.: 09/975,343

Examiner:

Stevan A. Resan

Filed: October 11, 2001

Atty. Docket: 05911.0006.CNUS01

For:

**MAGNETIC TAPE** 

Confirmation No.: 1181

#### **REQUEST FOR A REFUND**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22213-1450

Sir:

We hereby request the refund of \$930.00 to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing our docket number of 05911.0006.CNUS01, because the Patent Office charged the three-month extension fee of \$930.00 TWICE in the above referenced application around September 29, 2003. The details are as follows:

On September 29, 2003, we mailed via Express Mail No. EL615430175US, a Petition for Extension of Time (three months extending the period from July 2, 2003 to October 2, 2003) and a check of \$930.00 (no. 6277). Inadvertently, a typographical error was made regarding the application serial no. This September 29 transmittal is shown in Exhibit A.

On September 30, 2003, we mailed via Express Mail No. EL615430189US, another Petition with the correct application number, a new check of \$930.00 (no. 6280), and a communication explaining the error in the September 29's transmittal. This September 30 transmittal is shown in Exhibit B.

While we attempted to stop the first \$930 check (no. 6277), ultimately the Patent Office cleared both \$930 checks (no. 6277 and no. 6280). See Exhibit C. Thus, we request that the Patent Office refund \$930.00 to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing the docket number of 05911.0006.CNUS01.

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Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact the attorned MAINTENANCE DIVISION below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 19, 2003

HOWREY SIMON ARNOLD & WHITE, LLP

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# Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action be extended three months from July 2, 2003 to October 2, 2003 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)) is believed to be \$930.00 for a three month extension for a large entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying check. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing docket number 05911.0006.CNUS01. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully/submitted,

Date: September 29, 2003

HOWREY SIMON ARNOLD & WHITE, LLP

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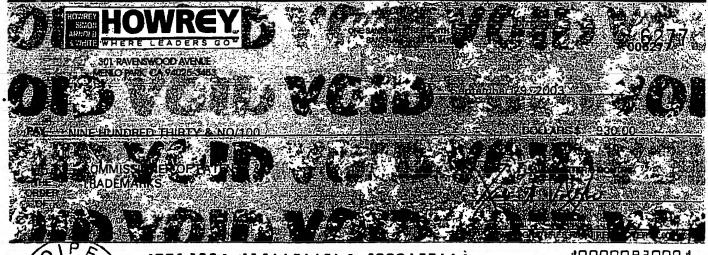
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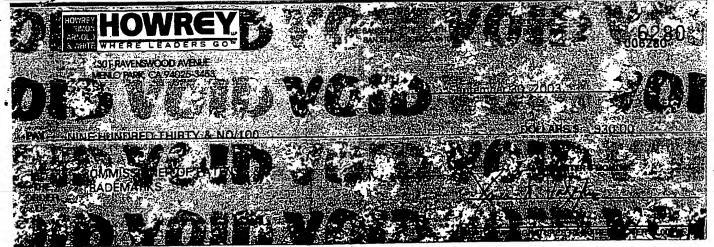
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